

# FOOD PURCHASE REPORT

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## USDA DELI-STYLE TURKEY BREASTS AND SMOKED TURKEY BREASTS PURCHASE PROGRAM ANNOUNCED:

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) today announced plans to purchase frozen, fully cooked, deli-style turkey breasts and deli-style smoked turkey breasts for school lunch and other domestic food nutrition assistance programs. Offers will be invited from the trade for use in one or more of the following forms:

Deli-Style Turkey Breast (233040) - Frozen fully cooked deli-style turkey breast, produced from nonbasted, young ready-to-cook chunked and formed turkey breast meat. Each deli turkey breast must be vacuum packaged in a shrinkable oxygen- and moisture-proof bag or casing, and be packed four 9 to 11 pound (4.08 to 4.99 kg) deli turkey breasts per fiberboard shipping container. Each deli breast must weigh not less than 9 pounds (4.08 kg) and no more than 11 pounds (4.99 kg). A purchase unit will total 40,000 pounds (18,144 kg).

Deli-Syle Smoked Turkey Breast (233140) - Frozen fully cooked smoked deli-style turkey breast, produced from nonbasted, young ready-to-cook chunked and formed turkey breast meat. Each smoked turkey breast must be vacuum packaged in a shrinkable oxygen- and moisture-proof bag or casing, and be packed four 9 to 11 pound (4.08 to 4.99 kg) smoked turkey breasts per fiberboard shipping container. Each smoked turkey breast must weigh not less than 9 pounds (4.08 kg) and not more than 11 pounds (4.99 kg). A purchase unit will total 40,000 pounds (18,144 kg).

Invitation No. 1, inviting offers due by 12 noon, Central Time, Monday, July 10, is being issued in the near future. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, Friday, July 14, for delivery from Aug. 16 to Aug. 31. Subsequent invitations will be issued inviting offers due the second and fourth Monday of each month.

All offers must be submitted electronically through the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES) website at <https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe?>. Offers submitted by any means other than DEBES will be considered nonresponsive.

There are some important changes to this year's program. All packaging and packing materials must be tamper-evident. Additionally, all delivery units--truck lot and less-than-truck

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lot (LTL) quantities--must be secured at all times prior to unloading with tamper resistant, serially numbered, high-security seals. The contractor must maintain a record of each seal number used for truck lot and LTL delivery units. Additionally, the contractor must ensure that the applicable seal identification number is on each bill of lading, shipping manifest, certificate, or other delivery documents for each delivery destination. When LTL delivery units are transported on the same trailer and destined for multiple recipients, the trailer must be sealed after each delivery. The seal number must be recorded on the appropriate delivery documents and correspond with the applied seal at the time of arrival at the next destination. All contractors and subcontractors must have a documented and operational food security plan that provides for the security of a plant's production processes. This plan will be audited by the USDA Graders.

All other certifications that apply strictly to Poultry Programs will still be made annually and are contained in Appendix-1. The certifications will be made one time only for all Poultry Program Announcements for the program year. All certifications, in ORCA and Appendix-1, must be completed prior to submitting a bid.

Information regarding these requirements is contained in Announcement PY-309, which is being distributed to the trade. Offerors are urged to review the bid format and product specification and are cautioned to only offer quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver during the contracted delivery period.

Offerors are urged to carefully read all applicable terms and conditions of USDA-1, as amended, Announcement PY-309, Appendix-1, the Commodity Specification for Deli-Style Turkey Breasts and Smoked Turkey Breasts dated June 2006, and Invitation No. 1.

Inquiries may be made by telephoning (202) 720-7693 or addressing the Contracting Officer; USDA/AMS/Poultry Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch STOP 0260; 1400 Independence Ave., SW; Washington, DC 20250. An electronic version of this Food Purchase Report can be obtained through the world wide web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp>.

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